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1. EXPERT- LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WHICH MFA HAD EARLIER PROPOSED WILL BEGIN MARCH 14. CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION (JOHNSON) AND CONOFF (BRODY) WILL REPRESENT US SIDE.

2. WE ASSUME THAT PARAGRAPH 10 OF REFTEL REFERS TO ARTICLE 34 OF VIENNA CONVENTION AND ARTICLE 24 OF US- ROMANIAN CONVENTION RATHER THAN ARTICLE 14 OF VIENNA CONVENTION AND ARTICLE 21 OF US- ROMANIAN CONVENTION AS STATED IN REFTEL.

3. PARAGRAPH 8 OF REFTEL CONTRADICTS ARTICLE II OF US DRAFT CONVENTION ALREADY PRESENTED TO CZECHS. BECAUSE OF CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EMBASSY WOULD PREFER THAT CONVENTION NOT RPT NOT CONTAIN PROVISION FOR ASSUMED CONSENT TO ENTER CONSULAR PREMISES IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS. PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, WE WILL RETAIN LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE II AS US ALTERNATIVE TO CSSR ARTICLE 14.

4. IN LINE WITH PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 12 OF REFTEL AND IN ADDITION TO DEPARTMENT' S SPECIFIC PROPOSALS IN THOSE PARAGRAPHS, EMBASSY WILL SUGGEST TO CZECHS THAT CONVENTION
CONTAIN PROVISIONS ON ESTATES OF TOURISTS OF PARAGRPAHS 1,2, AND 3 OF ARTICLE 47 OF US- HUNGARIAN CONVENTION AS PART OF ARTICLE 34
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OF CSSR DRAFT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S COMMENTS ON THIS SUGGESTION.
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